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ALBANY, ALABAMA, (NEW DECATUR, ALA., POSTOFFICE.) TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 1917.

WEATHER
Western Times Tel Co
Probably fair to-
night and tomor-
row.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

ENTENTE ANSWER TO WILSON NOTE HAS BEEN DRAFTED; FORWARDED SOON

EXPECTED THAT DOCUMENT MAY
BE STARTED TO U. S. LATTER
PART OF WEEK.

PEACE PROSPECT IS GLOOMY

GERMAN NEWSPAPERS SHOW RE-
SENTFUL ATTITUDE TOWARD
REPLY TO TEUTONS.

(International News Service.)
Paris, Jan. 2.—The answer of
the entente allies to President
Wilson's note has been completed
and is now under consideration
by the allied governments. It is be-
lieved that the text will be made
public this week.

NOTE NOW BEING DRAFTED SPELLS FATE PEACE EFFORT

(International News Service.)
Washington, Jan. 2.—On the reply
of the entente allies to President
Wilson rests the entire hope of success
coming from peace movements now
afoot.

This is practically the unanimous
opinion of administration officials
and neutral diplomats at Washington.
Unless in that document there is
clearly indicated some indication to
actually endeavor to bring about
peace or to leave open the door for
discussion of terms, the collapse of
the Teutonic and neutral efforts to
bring peace is gloomily forecasted.

Spain's refusal to endorse the pre-
sident's effort was discounted here as
of little importance one way or the
other. This was admitted today at
the embassies of the countries in both
warrior leagues. Representatives in
Washington of Germany's enemies
frankly expected nothing in the looked
for reply from the entente.

Washington was "on its toes" today
in the expectation that the whole
peace situation would be plunged into
the political arena. Senator Hitch-
cock, of Nebraska, is slated to make
an effort to call up in the senate his
resolution endorsing the president's
note to belligerents and ask action on
it. Senator Borah, of Idaho, progres-
sive republican, is scheduled to lead
the opposition to it.

PUBLIC OPINION CENTERS ON REPLY TO PRESIDENT.

(International News Service.)
London, Jan. 2.—Now that the al-
lies have made their reply to Ger-
many's peace proposal, public opin-
ion is centered upon the answer to
President Wilson's peace initiative.

It is expected the reply to the Wil-
son note will be handed to the Amer-
ican ambassador in Paris some time
this week, probably before Friday. In
spite of the apparent deadlock there
is a feeling in some quarters that
progress has been made toward peace.
This feeling is not marked by excep-
tional strength, nor are the sponsors
for it very optimistic. While the dis-
cussions go on, entente powers and
the German allies are striking with
might and main to extend their man

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CHIHUAHUA CITY NEWS CENSORED

CARRANZA AUTHORITIES VEIL MOVEMENT IN INTENSE SECRECY.

El Paso, Jan. 2.—Strict censorship
was laid upon all dispatches from Chi-
huahua City today by Carranza offi-
cials, following reports that Villa was
driving Gen. Murgu's defeated forces
back upon the state capital.

The early capture of Chihuahua
City by the Villistas is regarded by
many men here as a certainty.
They believe Murgu may have diffi-
culty in extricating himself from the
city. Villa is drawing around the city.
Recent advices received here report
men fighting on the outskirts of
Chihuahua City.

NEWTON D. BAKER



WAR SECRETARY TO VISIT THIS SECTION

The Chamber of Commerce of Al-
bany and the civic organizations of
Decatur are expected to begin plan-
ning immediately for the visit of Sec-
retary of War Newton D. Baker to
Muscle Shoals. He will be asked to
visit Albany-Decatur during his trip
to this section.
As soon as a date for the secretary's
visit is fixed, North Alabama cities
and towns will complete their ar-
rangements for entertaining the dis-
tinguished visitor. Mr. Baker had
planned to come to Albany-Decatur
last year to deliver an address before
the Alabama Bar Association then in
session here, but was prevented by
the press of official business. Sena-
tor Bankhead and probably Senator
Underwood will accompany the sec-
retary.

RUSSIAN LINE ON EASTERN FRONTIER TORN BY TEUTONS

CENTRAL ARMIES BREAK THROUGH FOR A GAIN OF SIX MILES INTO MOLDAVIA.

(International News Service.)
Berlin, Jan. 2.—Rushing through
the Russian lines in the Car-
pathians, Austro-German troops
have captured Sovasha in the
Roumanian province of Moldavia.
Sovasha is between six and seven
miles inside of Moldavia.
More than 1,500 additional pris-
oners have been captured by the
German allies.

(International News Service.)
Berlin, Jan. 2.—The Russian line on
the eastern frontier of Transylvania
has been pierced.

Austro-German forces have penetra-
ted the Roumanian province of Mold-
avia a distance of six miles.
The advance of the Austro-German
troops from the Carpathians seriously
menaces the Russians defending the
Fokshani-Rimnik-Buzeu railroad.

Reorganized regiments of the Rou-
manian army have been rushed to the
front in a desperate effort to check
the victorious advance of the Teutons
toward Bessarabia. In Dobruja the
Braila bridge head is under strong
fire from German and Bulgarian
guns.

There is nothing to report from the
Macedonian front.

Pension Warrants Are Awaiting the Veterans

Pension warrants for Confederate
soldiers are in the hands of Probate
Judge W. E. Skeggs, awaiting dis-
tribution to the veterans. A number
called at the court house this morn-
ing to receive their money, and Pro-
bate Court Clerk Frank J. Davis re-
quests that all beneficiaries get their
warrants immediately.

SKIRMISHING REPORTED.

(International News Service.)
Paris, Jan. 2.—Only skirmishing in
La Petre and Jury woods near the
Franco-Lorraine border was reported
by the French war office today.

8-HOUR QUESTION IS PUT SQUARELY UP TO RAILROAD MEN BY THEIR LEADERS

FIELD MESSAGE DISPATCHED TO
400,000 MEMBERS OF BROTHER-
HOODS TODAY.

CHIEFS DECLINE TO TALK

ALTHOUGH TENOR OF DOCUMENT
SAID TO BE SIMILAR TO CIR-
CULARS OF LAST FALL.

(International News Service.)
Cleveland, Jan. 2.—In a field mes-
sage dispatched today to the local
chairman of the Big Four railroad
brotherhood, the chiefs of the orga-
nization put the 8-hour day question
squarely up to the 400,000 members.

The Big Four chiefs refused to dis-
cuss the message, but it is believed
to be the special circular announced
in New York last week following re-
fusal of railroad managers to put the
Adamson law into effect January 1,
pending the supreme court decision
on its constitutionality.

The tenor of the message was stated
to be similar to circulars sent to
the men in September and October.
Neither of the brotherhood chiefs
would discuss the message.

HEARINGS OPEN TODAY ON RAILROAD LEGISLATION

(International News Service.)
Washington, Jan. 2.—Organized la-
bor and the Wilson administration, al-
lies throughout the last campaign,
collided head-on today when the sen-
ate interstate commerce committee
opened the hearings on the railroad
legislation program.

Labor leaders were on hand to re-
sister the most emphatic protest
against the proposed legislation, par-
ticularly at the so-called compulsory
arbitration bill recommended by the
president to safeguard the public
against strikes.

The president served notice on con-
gress Saturday that he wants the
measure, pushed as rapidly as pos-
sible to insure its passage.

CIRCUIT COURT TO OPEN ON JANUARY 8

THE DOCKET ANNOUNCED TODAY SHOWS MANY CASES TO BE TRIED HERE.

The docket of the January term of
the Morgan county circuit court, an-
nounced by Circuit Court Clerk A. S.
Blackwell today, shows 93 civil judg-
ment cases and 41 non-jury cases to be
tried before Judge Robert C. Brick-
ell.

The docket is one of the longest
facing a term of court in this county
in years. Sessions will be held by
Judge Brickell for four weeks, con-
secutively. Trial of civil cases will
begin January 8 and the last is docketed
for February 2. Criminal cases
will be tried later.

Witnesses and jurors already have
been summoned.

No Inaugural Ball For Governor Catts

(International News Service.)
Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 2.—Governor
Catts was inaugurated here today in
the presence of the largest crowd that
ever assembled here on a similar oc-
casion. The governor, who is a min-
ister of the gospel, announced that he
would not attend the inaugural ball
because of conscientious scruples
regarding dancing.

RIVER WILL FALL.

Chattanooga, Jan. 2.—(Special.)—
The Tennessee river will begin to fall
today. U. S. weather reports of the
river's stage follow: At Chattanooga,
18.5, foggy; rainfall, .05. At Bridge-
port, 10.8; foggy. At Guntersville,
20.9, raining, rainfall .40.

CHRISTMAS SHIP TO ARMENIANS



The naval collier Caesar being loaded at New York with a cargo of food-
stuffs, clothing and medical supplies for Syrian relief. This is America's
Christmas ship to the Armenians.

Water Co. Story Causes Interest

Big Developments Planned For This District, Rumors Say Weakley Will Visit Here This Week

John D. Weakley, Birmingham capi-
talist and one of the owners of the
Alabama Water Company, probably
will issue a statement Thursday out-
lining the plans for development of
the company, according to a wire from
Mr. Weakley to The Daily today.

The announcement in yesterday's
Daily that the Decatur Water Supply
Company had changed its name; in-
creased its capital stock from \$25,-
000 to \$800,000, and authorized a bond
issue of \$2,500,000, created much in-
terest in Albany-Decatur.

Speculations regarding the future
plans of the company flew thick. It
was recalled that recently the water
company purchased large tracts of
land near its present pumping station
and it was said the owners might
contemplate putting in a large pow-
er station there to furnish current to
operate the local street car system.

Local managers of the company to-
day were still reticent regarding the
plans. No statement was given out
here. It was admitted, however, that
some improvements would be made
here, but no intimation given regard-
ing the extent of them.

"Mr. Weakley is expected here on
Wednesday or Thursday and at that

time he will probably issue a state-
ment telling just what is planned for
Albany-Decatur," it was announced.

It is rumored also that improve-
ments planned include work to be
done at Bessemer and Anniston.

STATE COMMISSION TO HEAR WATER WORKS PETITION

Birmingham, Jan. 2.—That it is be-
lieved the Alabama Public Service
Commission will approve the purchase
of the Bessemer and Anniston water
companies by the Alabama Water
Company is shown by the plans of
the latter company, which has in-
creased its capital stock from \$25,000
to \$800,000 and authorized the is-
sue of \$2,500,000 in bonds.

Petitions for the purchase of the
two water companies by the Alabama
Company will be heard Wednesday by
the Public Service Commission at
Montgomery. The Alabama Company
is the name of the Decatur Water
Supply Company, of Albany. Neither
Mr. Fies nor Mr. Weakley would talk
of their plans today. Both said they
would make public their plans on
Thursday after the commission has
passed on the petitions.

CARRANZA PROBLEM COMES UP TODAY

AMERICAN SECTION OF JOINT COMMISSION MEETS TO OUT- LINE FUTURE POLICY.

Washington, Jan. 2.—On the action
today of the American section of the
Mexican joint commission hinges to
a large extent Mexico's immediate fu-
ture.

Judge George Gray and John R.
Martin, of the American section, will
meet with Secretary of the Interior
Lane, chairman of the section, in the
latter's office to decide whether the
negotiations end now or whether Gen.
Carranza will be given further oppor-
tunity to agree to a basis for future
negotiations between the United
States and Mexico.

Despite the attitude taken by the
American commission at Philadel-
phia that the Atlantic City protocol
must stand, the conciliatory tone of
the latest objection lodged by the
first chief may result in one more ef-
fort by the commission to adjust con-
ditions.

LAWSON FAILS TO EXPLORE THE "LEAK"

CHAIRMAN HENRY ANNOUNCES THAT PROMISED PROBE IS NOT FORTHCOMING.

(International News Service.)
Washington, Jan. 2.—At the close
of the conference between Thos. W.
Lawson and Chairman Henry of the
House rules committee today, lasting
more than an hour and a half, Mr.
Henry declared that he had not re-
ceived information from Lawson war-
ranting an investigation into an al-
leged stock exchange "leak" from the
state department.

In a formal statement Mr. Henry
said Lawson had furnished neither
the names of the persons giving in-
formation constituting the "leak" nor
the names of any speculators who
profited by the information.

"We have quit for lunch," said Mr.
Lawson, adding that he might have
something further to say later in the
day.

NORTH ALABAMA IS RICHEST OIL BELT GEOLOGISTS AVER

Great Fortune Awaits Development Here, Fore- most Men of Science Declare in Their Reports

COMPANY ALREADY HAS BEEN ORGANIZED

Composed Entirely of Women, it Owns Many Acres of the Richest Mineral Lands

The first oil ever found in the United States was discovered within
one mile of the present site of Albany-Decatur, and now, after centuries,
the two cities and surrounding sections may become the oil centers of
the western hemisphere.

The discovery of oil in large quantities at Cordova, Ala., has renewed
rumors that oil underlies a large section of North Alabama and an in-
vestigation disclosed the fact that not only does oil exist under the strata
of the Tennessee Valley, but that it was the first section in America to
produce the valuable mineral.

Petrol was found at Cotaco Springs,
just west of here on the present Nel-
son place, by the Indian braves of the
Cotaco tribe as early as 1808 and was
sold in London for witch oil. An ac-
count of the discovery is contained in
the London Mining Journal of Octo-
ber, 1808.

The story regarding the finding of
oil here and the resultant attempts to
develop the natural resources is
graphically told by Mrs. G. A. Nelson,
who, perhaps, more than any other
person, is minutely familiar with the
history of the minerals of this sec-
tion.

Mrs. Nelson, herself a very wealthy
woman, at one time made a geological
survey of the eastern coast on horse-
back, beginning near New York and
running her lines down to the gulf.
She covered 1,200 miles. Among her
possessions is a United States official
geographical map, showing where the
various minerals are found and ap-
proximately in vast quantity. When
the map was made years ago, it was
shown that Cordova, where the re-
cent oil strike was made, was in-
cluded in the section marked "oil."

Cordova, however, is near the outside
limit of oil, according to the map,
while North Alabama, particularly
Morgan, Madison, Lawrence counties
are in the very midst of the oil field.

Mrs. Nelson says it is of her opin-
ion that when oil is finally found here,
it will be in greater quantities than
in any other field in the United States.
"I do not think there is more oil
here than there ever has been in any
other section, but this is among the
last of the present fields to be de-
veloped and more oil will be found here
than found now anywhere else," she
said. "You see this will be the fresh-
est field, while many of the others are
going dry."

"It was only about a quarter of a
century ago when oil was first found
in the South. It was known that the
mineral existed south of the Mason-
Dixon line, but the fields were not
developed until a few years ago.

"Developments now, however, are
coming rapidly and I feel sure that
within the next few years Albany-Dec-
atur will be the greatest oil fields of
America."

Company Already Organized.
A company to drill for oil here al-
ready has been organized. It was
formed in 1906, and an unusual fea-
ture of it is the fact that all of the
listed stockholders are women. In-
cluded among the names are many of
the most prominent and wealthiest
women of England and several Amer-
icans.

The officers and directors are: Mrs.
Matilda Collins, president. She is
the wife of Patrick Collins, a great
corporation lawyer in London and
legal adviser to the Lord Mayor of
London.

Mrs. Jane Campbell, first vice-pres-
ident, wife of Captain Wilson Cam-
pbell, of the British and General Ex-
press Company.

Mrs. Otto Stoelker, second vice-
president, of Birmingham, a sister of
ex-Secretary Hillary A. Herbert, U. S.
Navy.

Mrs. Ray Nelson, of Albany, land-
owner.
Miss Aurora Medford, treasurer,
Tupelo, Miss., landowner and a
daughter of the late Major Medford.

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Decatur Girl is Married to Earl

(International News Service.)
London, Jan. 2.—Earl Curzon, of
Bedleston, was quietly married
today to Mrs. Grace Duggan, a
native of Decatur, Ala. The Earl
was a widower, his first wife be-
ing Mary Victoria Leiter, of Chi-
cago.

Clyde Shropshire is Expected Here Soon

Hon. Clyde Shropshire, Nashville
attorney, baseball mogul and on yester-
day elected speaker of the Tennes-
see house of representatives, will ar-
rive here soon to be guest of Mr. and
Mrs. G. A. Nelson. It was announced
today. Mr. Shropshire's visit is said
to have a business significance, the
exact nature of which has not been
made public.

TWO GOVERNORS OF ARIZONA CLING TO JOB; UP TO COURTS

CAMPBELL, REPUBLICAN, SEEKS WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS IN FIGHT FOR OFFICE.

(International News Service.)
Phoenix, Ariz., Jan. 2.—Arizona's
two governors renewed their battle
for possession of the executive office
today, while armed deputy sheriffs
patrolled the state house grounds ap-
prehensive of serious trouble.

Tom Campbell, whose election is
certified by the secretary of state and
who delivered his inaugural address
yesterday, went to the office of his at-
torneys early today. He was pre-
pared to apply to supreme court for
a writ of mandamus directing Gov-
ernor Hunt, democrat, to turn over the
keys of the office.

If the supreme court denies the
application, Campbell will seek Hunt's
arrest on the charge of feloniously
withholding the office.

COMPTROLLER'S CALL

(International News Service.)
Washington, Jan. 2.—A call for the
condition of national banks at the
close of business Dec. 27, was issued
by the comptroller of currency to-
day.

Educational Debt is Entirely Wiped Out

Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 2.—Superin-
tendent of Education Peggins an-
nounced today that the educational
campaign debt had been wiped out. It
is estimated that within the next fort-
night between \$1,000 and \$2,000
would have been received from
sources which already had announced
their intention to contribute.

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POLITICAL ADVERTISING SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED.

The American Press, a weekly periodical devoted to the interests of the profession, in its latest issue calls attention to the possible effort of Senator Owen to prohibit the publication of political advertising. The Press warns the newspapers of the nation of the danger of this movement, which seems to have no object other than to curtail the expenses of national campaigns, and possibly to leave more money to be expended in underhand and circuitous ways.

Arnold Joerns, an advertising expert, in this issue of the American Press, over his own signature, gives many reasons why any such attempt to abridge the rights of newspapers should be defeated. "In the first place," he says, "I am convinced that the code of journalism is on such a high plane that but very few editors would or could be biased editorially on account of advertising, and Senator Owen can learn from investigation that the scattered few publishers who might be 'for sale' can be bought without buying advertising."

Mr. Joerns is quite right in his observations. Fortunately, the standard of journalism is so high that but few men dare to even attempt to purchase a newspaper either through advertising or bribery. Contrary to a perverted view of the subject, newspapers have but few opportunities to sell out, either directly or indirectly, and those few are spurned except by that class of publishers who are so vulnerable and so avaricious as to be up to the highest bidder, regardless of wrong and regardless of law.

In fact, the practical working of such a law would be to place the politician who must have a personal organ entirely at the mercy of the man who will buy and the man who will sell. Under present circumstances, any reputable newspaper will accept advertising from any candidate that it opposes, thus placing the aspirant for office in position to have his side of the case set out strongly before the public in the same issue of the paper that carries editorial or other endorsement of his rival. He is on an equal basis with every opponent. Shut him out from the "paid political" column, and his chance for getting before the electorate is largely minimized.

Mr. Joerns says further: Another commendable thing about advertising is that advertising is always in the open. It lays the issue before the public. You'll never find anything very rotten about a nationally advertised product or about the methods of a merchant who is a good advertiser. Business men know that fake and bunk in advertising is unprofitable as well as unlawful. I think the habit of talking to the public through the unbiased advertising columns of a newspaper will be a decidedly wholesome one for politics. Many an office seeker will make rash promises of future performances in a campaign speech that he would hesitate recording in a printed and permanently filed newspaper.

I sincerely hope the newspapers of this country will defend the right of free speech via advertising with all the vigor they possess. I am against untruthful advertising heart and soul, but to deny the use of newspaper advertising to political purposes means a degeneration in politics, a thwarting of efficiency, a stifling of sun-light, that the people of this country can ill afford to suffer at this critical period of our national evolution.

POSTOFFICE FIGHT GIVES OPPORTUNITY FOR DISPLAY OF PATRIOTISM.

Delving back into a bit of already ancient political history in the Eighth congressional district, readers of the Daily will remember that this paper fought Congressman Edward B. Almon in the democratic primary tooth and toenail in a battle royal between the Tusculumian and a distinguished local citizen. Readers of The Daily will also remember that no newspaper in the district was quicker to run up Judge Almon's name at the masthead as a democratic nominee to be supported by the democrats of the dis-

trict. The Daily acknowledged his nomination and urged all democrats to support him in the November election.

When Judge Almon was elected The Daily also conceded to him the right by long precedent in the ranks of the party to recommend men of his own choosing to hold the postoffice in the district. This is a precedent as old as the party.

In New Decatur, later changed to Albany, there has developed an unfortunate contest over the distribution of the federal patronage in which two gentlemen are contending for the office, while the name of the office remains unchanged to the great detriment of the city.

What is to be done?

Of course, as The Daily takes it, there is not one man in the city who is at all acquainted with the workings of the postoffice department who believes that the congressional recommendation will not finally prevail. The contestant who has the endorsement of the congressman is in fact the democratic nominee for the position and as such should have a clear track to an early appointment. Squabbles over postoffice appointments merely delay action; they do not settle the contest. The administration stands squarely behind the democratic congressman and he who runs may read that the congressman at this and the next session of congress at least will get what they go after. The number of democratic congressmen has decreased, but their power has increased with the decline in numbers. Nobody seriously believes that the present case will not work out just as the congressman has recommended.

And since this is the case, why delay action and make the city bear the brunt of a battle between political factions?

IDEAS CAME FROM U. S.

American Ingenuity Responsible for Modern War Weapons.

Although Uncle Sam is at Peace With World the Work of His Brains is Seen on Battlefields of Europe.

Although Uncle Sam is at peace with the world, American ingenuity is responsible for most of the most highly developed weapons that are being used in the greatest of all wars in Europe. The submarine boat was devised and first built in the United States. In reading the history of this undersea monster one may find that the idea of such a thing was born centuries ago, but that the realization of the idea did not come until American genius applied itself to the solution of the problem. It is perfectly fair to claim that the United States was the birthplace of the submarine.

Then, there is the flying machine. The idea of human flight may be traced back to the days of the ancients, but the working out of the plans and the building of a model for navigating the sky with a heavier-than-air machine did not begin in earnest until that problem was attacked by Professor Langley of the Smithsonian institute, and when the gasoline engine had been well developed it remained for two American brothers to make the thing fly. So the flying machine is an American invention. It may be true, as many authorities say, that Europeans have surpassed Americans in the building of submarine boats and flying machines, but America is the home of those things, and there can be no doubt they can be built in the United States, better, faster and stronger than they can be built in any other part of the world.

It has been claimed that the asphyxiating gas which the Germans used first in their onrush toward Paris was invented in America, though it is most likely that when invented there was no thought that it would be used as an agency in war.

The revolver, repeating rifle, machine gun and quick-firing breech-loading cannon were of American origin. In going through the things which the contending armies and peoples of Europe are using against each other today, one will find on many of them the hallmark of American inventive genius. In the matter of the "tanks," which recently made their debut on the European battlefields and caused such a sensation on the Somme, it is reported that the idea of using them in war took shape in the mind of a South Dakota farmer, who watching the caterpillar tractor at work in his fields, noticed that the huge engine paid no heed to deep furrows, big holes in the ground or ditches, but walked over all of them without inconvenience or derangement of machinery. It is set forth that this farmer, early in 1915, wrote to Lloyd George, minister of munitions of the British empire, and presented to him the plan for using the tractor as an armored car.

France Sends Students Here.

A French organization, recently formed, has adopted a plan to send commercial students to this country, guarantee them employment, and provide them with initial funds, United States Commercial Attaché C. W. A. Veditz reports. The French Transatlantic Steamship line will grant low rates to such students.

In this country 30 to 40 per cent of the cases requiring charitable relief are due to sickness.

Business or professional cards, printed or engraved. The Daily.

Just In Passing

LIKES SOLDIERING.

"Soldiering is not so hard here; nothing like it was down on the border. Just one hour drill daily and guard duty every twenty-fifth day." Thus writes Corporal Virgil Bell, formerly with the Southern Express Co. here, and later with The Daily, in a letter to a friend. Mr. Bell enlisted with a Texas regiment, and has seen considerable service on the border. As a side line he writes for the newspapers.

THE WORLD GOES ON.

"The human race is too big a thing to be thrown off the track by a small incident like the European war," declared Jos. E. Blair, the well-known Bible student and religious worker. "The history of past events is that the world goes on, the race drives to its destiny with an irresistible momentum, regardless of cataclysms. Millions of years of evolution are not to be brushed aside by a struggle on the field of battle between the soldiers of the Kaiser and those of King George. It would be overruling God's providence for his plans to be thus upset by any minor happening, either in Europe or America."

PEACE CONFERENCE BY MARCH 1.

"It is my private opinion that the peace conference for the termination of the European war will be in session by March 1," declared Dr. Livingston T. Mays, pastor of the Central Baptist church. "One of my parishioners takes the opposite view, and we have written out our predictions for comparison later. I hope that I am right."

PUT ONE OVER.

"I put one over on a couple of friends of mine the other day," said W. A. Hill, popular pharmacist. "I was en route to the train to take a little trip, when I ran across two friends who inquired my destination. Kidding them, I told them it was none of their business. 'Well, we'll go to the depot with you and when you buy your ticket we will find out then,' they replied. But when we walked up to the ticket window, I pulled a chewing-gum wrapper from my pocket and wrote the name of the station I wanted a ticket to, handed the wrapper to the man inside the window and told him to hand me a ticket to that city, but not to call its name. My friends haven't found out where I went yet."

FINE PNEUMONIA WEATHER.

"This is surely fine pneumonia weather," said R. P. Kerr. "This brand of weather reminds me of a remedy I heard in my boyhood for the dread malady. I happened to remember it some time ago when a negro told me his brother was about to die of pneumonia. He said the doctor had about given him up. I told him to get about fifteen cents worth of onions and go home and stew them until they got right hot and then apply them to his brother's chest. He told me the next day that he did this, putting on the onions so hot that the man who was supposed to be breathing his last almost got out of bed. But by morning he was breathing naturally again and the old-time remedy had probably saved his life."

As The Paragraphers See it

Notice that Luther Burbank, who invented a seedless watermelon and a spineless cactus, is experimenting with orange blossoms. Trying to make a brideless variety, do you suppose?—Nashville Tennessean.

A Connecticut man is reported to have discovered a four-eyed frog. While this is a matter of interest, it is not as much so as would have been a report that this same frog had additional eatable legs.—Columbus Enquirer-Sun.

One of the Pankhursts was arrested the other day for creating a peace disturbance in London. The militant suffragists appear to be determined to have peace if they have to fight for it.—Chattanooga Times.

The nut crop this year is the greatest ever, according to the Department of Agriculture. We knew that long ago, but what has the Department of Agriculture got to do with "nuts"?—Atlanta Constitution.

Prepare your New Year's resolutions. You will break them, of course, but there is a compensating virtue in making them. The man who does not resolve is moribund.—Memphis News-Schmitt.

When about the the short skirts All this sand they raise Men forget that long skirts Are the "hold-up" days.—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

PUPPY LOVE

(Nashville Tennessean.)

After all the ridicule of puppy-love—the sweetness on each other of very young boys and girls—there is yet found at least one grown-up to give it a word of approval. And this championship, like so many other extraordinary things, comes out of the west.

It appears that the Wolcott-Parezo Teachers' association has been holding a meeting in Colorado. One of the speakers was Dr. M. F. Libby, professor of philosophy at the University of Colorado. In his address he characterized as ridiculous the idea of hiring women in the schools to break up the love affairs of the young. If he had his way the lad might wait all he wanted to at the corner, after school hours, for his lassie-love.

The professor is clearly right. It reflects on the fairness and good judgment of the grown-up to contend otherwise than that such dreams tend to develop the best in a lad. Presumably they are as beneficial to the lass, though male and female may differ somewhat psychophysically.

One has only to think back a little, to realize the influence the boyish flame had on him. He need not indulge in philosophizings about the impossibility of changing the child's instincts and the importance of properly directing these instincts, but he can arrive at a conclusion at once.

If he was a normal boy, he recalls that he was stricken hard by something in the girl he had not previously noticed, though he had known her for years. Maybe it was the way she tossed her curls on one occasion; or smiled at him; or gave him a little slap for his impudence in offering to "walk with her"—anything even as simple as that. Instantly the effect on his being was apparent; and that night he wondered why he had never felt so about her before.

The first noticeable change in his career was, perhaps, the fact that he now began to wash behind his ears without someone holding the slipper threateningly before his rebellious eyes. He found a real pleasure in brushing his hair. Fearing the effect of ignorance on her, he gave more attention to his studies than ever before. His mother was not kept on nettles Saturdays fearing that he was at the creek—she had but to look over toward the coal or wood house where his girl lived, to see him with his flame's brother—maybe standing where he could see her passing a window now and then or coming to the door. Other epoch-making changes came as the weeks went by. Particularly was he desirous of improving his chirography. Teacher observed it (not dreaming what the propulsion was) until he asked when it would be St. Valentine's Day—and then she had a vision of the sort of

valentine he was going to dedicate to a certain little girl with the ribboned curls and gingham frock.

One day the hero, of course, found that true love never did run smoothly, and then, like one of old, he imagined that the obvious thing for him to do would be to "set his face toward the wilderness." But his mother knew he would come of it, as the expression went, and be better equipped against future buffetings of the world.

It is said a child learns more in its two first years than in the ten that follow; and during puppy love's ordeal a boy has his finest and holiest glimpses of the castles in Spain.

Negro Charged With Robbing a Hen Roost

Will Robinson, negro, is in the Decatur city jail, accused of implication in the robbery of the hen roost of A. M. Cottrell, West Decatur. Twenty chickens were stolen, but about 10 were taken into custody when Robinson was arrested.

The negro is said to have gone to Andy Stokes late yesterday and to have arranged for the purchase of the fowls by the latter. Stokes, however, was suspicious and called the officers.

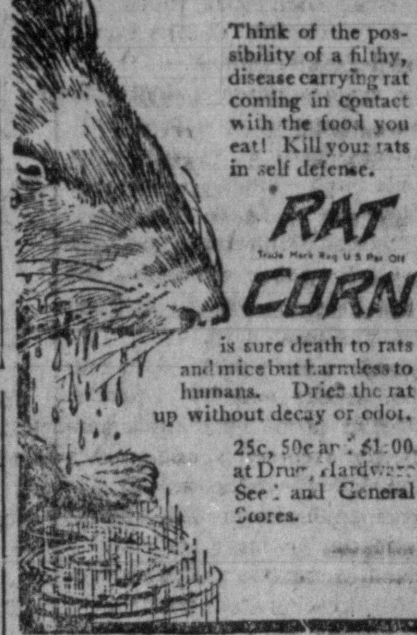
Robinson returned this morning for his money. Stokes said he had not weighed the chickens and called in a loud voice: "Boy, bring the scales." That was the signal for the waiting officers.

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E. C. PAYNE, Mayor.
2-4t HENRY HARTUNG, City Clerk.

Rats Spread DEATH



Good Resolutions

Are you one of those who waits for January first to make new resolutions?

Every day is the beginning of a new year—and a resolution made today means just that much time gained in accomplishing what you might promise to start January first next.

Money deposited before January 10th will draw interest from January 1st.

Let today be your New Year—Start a Savings account.

Morgan County National Bank

ALBANY, ALABAMA.

Official Table

Averages of the Sunday Schools of Albany and Decatur
This report will be published each week:

Sunday, Dec. 31, 1916

SCHOOL	Total Enroll	No. Present	Per Ct. School
First Baptist, Decatur	125	89	712
Central Baptist, Albany	278	167	600
Baptist South Albany	235	143	607
Baptist, East Albany	171	91	532
First Christian, Albany	82	52	634
First Methodist, Decatur	486	254	523
Central Methodist, Albany	456	254	557
Ninth Street Methodist, South Albany	160	117	724
First Presbyterian, Decatur	110	57	518
West Side Presbyterian West Albany	147	62	421
Westminster Presb't'n, Albany	135	101	748
Willoughby Presbyterian, South Albany	135	111	822
St. John Episcopal	70	53	757
Salvation Army Decatur-Albany			
Jackson St. Church of Christ	95	80	842
Berean Sunday School			
Fairview Baptist S. S. School			
Austinville Baptist			

WANTS

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25 words, 1 mo., \$3.00 50 words, 1 mo., \$5.00

FOR SALE OR RENT—Reasonable good farm, 123 acres, 100 acres under cultivation, two houses and two good wells; seven miles from town on Somerville pike; also good young mule, 7 years old, 16 hands high, a bargain. One new heavy one-horse dray and one new delivery wagon for sale or rent. Apply to W. H. Aycock. Phone Decatur 41, or Albany 250. 30-1t

LOST—Saturday night on Johnston street or Second avenue, purse containing money; can identify satisfactorily; reward for information or return to W. B. Turner. Phone 340-w, Albany. 1-3t

TAKEN UP—One small mouse-colored aged mule. Owner can have by paying for cost of this advertisement and for keep of mule. E. P. Childs, 303 Ninth street. 1-3t

LOST—January 1st, between J. A. Bunch & Son's store and Jervis Machine and Foundry shop, open-face gold watch. Fifteen jewel Elgin movement. Return to J. A. Bunch & Son, Second avenue, Albany, Ala. Liberal reward. 2-1t

LOST—Gold bar pin with horseshoe diamond fixed in center; horseshoe is studded with a number of diamonds. Lost Sunday afternoon either on Eighth avenue, east; Sherman street or Riverview avenue. If found please return to 907 Eighth avenue, east, or the Daily office and receive liberal reward. 1-3t

WANTED—Energetic, active man, to establish permanent business, whole or part time; health and accident insurance. Immediate cash returns and future. National Casualty Co., Detroit, Mich. 30-3t

LOST—White fox terrier, about ten months old, marked with large brown spots on head and body, long tail and ears. Return to Barrett Shelton, Albany-Decatur Daily, and collect reward that awaits you on information that leads to return of animal. 30-1t

FOR SALE—Desirable home, convenient, large lot and all modern conveniences. Write or call 609 Oak street, Decatur. 27-6t

For Steam Heated Flats, Phone 294. 16-1t

FLAT FOR RENT—Seven-room, newly overhauled, modern conveniences. \$8 per month. Call W. B. Edmundson. Phone Albany 124. 13-1t

BARGAINS—I have two 5-acre tracts with new cottages, and also two 5-acre tracts with no improvements, in West Town. Installments. E. H. Allison. 20-1t

SIX PER CENT MONEY on well improved homes; repaid by monthly installments. E. H. Allison. 7-1t

WOOD FOR SALE—Heater or stove wood. Call Wilder Place, 124, New Decatur. M 3-1yr

\$100,000 to loan on first class farm and city property for five years at 7%, with privilege of renewal. Farms and homes for sale. J. A. Thorshall, 6041 Second Ave. 2-15

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

State of Alabama, Morgan County. Probate Court, January 1, 1917. Estate of Charles F. King, Deceased. Notice is hereby given to all interested parties that George M. Jones, as administrator of the estate of Charles F. King, deceased, has filed his accounts and vouchers for the final settlement of his administration of said estate and that the 29th day of January, 1917, has been set as the day for hearing such settlement, at which time you can appear and contest said settlement.

WM. E. SKEGGS,
J 2-3-15 Judge of Probate.

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The farmer looked at the merchant a moment and then said:

"Why don't you patronize your home paper and advertise? I read it and didn't know that you had the stuff I have here."

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Dr. Pierce's Tablets are the original Little Liver Pills. One little Pillot for a laxative—three for a cathartic.

APPLICATION TO PROBATE WILL.
The State of Alabama,
Morgan County.

In Probate Court December 19, 1916.
In the matter of the estate of J. H. Vogan, deceased.

Whereas, Robert R. Vogan and Jessie L. Goforth have this day produced in said Court an instrument of writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of J. H. Vogan, and there-with filed their petition in under oath, praying that said instrument of writing be admitted to probate and record as the last will and testament of said J. H. Vogan, deceased.

And it is ordered by the Court that the 11th day of January, 1917, be set as the day on which to hear testimony in proof of the due execution of said purported will and testament of said deceased; and notice of the filing of said petition and the day above set for the hearing and consideration of the said petition, is hereby ordered to be given by publication, once a week for three consecutive weeks, in the Albany-Decatur Daily, a newspaper published in county of Morgan and State of Alabama, to Henry V. Clark and Almina Clark, who reside at New Castle, Pa., to be and appear before this court on said 11th day of January, 1917, then and there to show cause of anything they have to allege why said instrument of writing record as the true last will and testament of J. H. Vogan, deceased.

WM. R. SKEGGS,
Judge of Probate.

Paper Barons Refuse to Discuss Prices

Tell Federal Trade Commission That They Won't Talk of Price Hikes.
Washington, Jan. 2.—Hearings reopened here today by the federal trade commission in its news print paper investigation came to a sudden end when paper manufacturers refused to discuss the reasonableness of news print prices. Both publishers and jobbers had been heard.

The manufacturers declared they had not had time to study tables prepared by the committee's investigators purporting to show huge profits. Members of the trade commission announced that despite an apparent unwillingness by the manufacturers to co-operate in the investigation, the commission's report would be issued probably in about ten days and that such recommendations to congress would be made as were thought necessary. It was said the commission would be in position probably by tomorrow night to announce whether its consideration of a paper distribution plan showed an actual paper shortage and a need for distribution under supervision of the commission.

SUBSEA MAGNET IS SUCCESS

Invention of Japanese Scientist Locates and Brings to Surface Lost Projectiles.

Mr. Nakahara, a Japanese scientist who had been endeavoring to build a machine which will fish up metals from the bottom of the sea, especially shells fired from warships during practice, has recently completed his invention and it was given a trial on a recent afternoon on the Sumida in Tokyo, East and West says. The machine is provided with a powerful electro magnetic stone which is let down to the bed of the sea, and has an arrangement like an automatic telephone receiver that gives a signal when the stone comes in touch with the objects searched for. The trial was successful, the machine locating and bringing to the surface nine and ten-inch projectiles which had been thrown into the river. It is estimated by some naval men that something like 600,000 shells lie scattered at the bottom of Ise and Hiroshima bays, the Japanese naval target grounds. These shells at the present price of scrap iron alone should be worth a matter of \$3,000,000. A plan is now on foot to recover them by the use of Mr. Nakahara's machine.

If someone now should make a magnet strong enough to draw shell scraps from the sea, what a harvest it would have.

Better Than Fish Stories.

C. O. Bartrum informs us that he has heard the major triad sung as an arpeggio by a blackbird. E. B. Hawes has heard a blackbird "singing two triplets in succession, beginning with the fifth and going down." M. L. Hovenden reports that a thrush has been heard at Streatham "singing the first line of the tune of 'The Campbells Are Coming';" F. G. Highe of Castleacre, Norfolk, has heard a thrush "which frequently repeats the arpeggio of the major triad" and H. C. Barton has heard a thrush "distinctly whistle the three notes of the minor subdominant chord, followed by the three notes of the tonic of the relative major," in perfect tune.—London Times.

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WHEN!

When is the age of romance quite over?
When does the spirit of fancy die?
When is a man too old for a lover?
When is a woman too old to sigh?

When are we gladdened by white hairs sprinkled
Over the brown and over the gold?
When do we welcome a face that is wrinkled?
When are we willing to call ourselves old?

When the song of a bird has no hint of gladness,
And hearts are not warmed by roses in bloom;
When laughter of childhood beguiles us to sadness,
And fullness of springtime compels us to gloom.

When light hearted lovers are sighs that distress us,
And all generations seem great but the last;
In yearning—not pleasures, but priests to confess us,
We know beyond doubting that fair youth is past.

"Youth" and "Old Age" are words without meaning
Save as life's sorrows are heaped upon men;
Age may descend upon youth in its dreaming,
While youth may abide with three score and ten.

—Florence Huntley.

COOK-LONG.

Quite a pretty marriage was celebrated in this place last Friday evening when Mr. John L. Cook, manager of the Buchheit bottling works in this place, was united in marriage with Miss Leona Long, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Long; the ceremony taking place at the home of the bride's parents, Rev. Clay I. Hudson officiating, the ceremony being witnessed by a limited number of relatives and friends. Immediately after the ceremony they left for the home of the parents of the groom at Albany, where they were given a cordial reception.

The bride is a charming young girl, possessing both beauty and intelligence and has all the accomplishments that fit her for the wife of a sturdy and excellent young bread winner. She will make an ideal wife and companion for the gentleman who has won her in marriage. Mr. Cook is a fine young man, straight in his morals, correct in his daily walk and gives promise of being a useful member of the financial and business world. He has made a splendid record since locating in Athens and has many friends who join the Courier in congratulations on his good fortune in winning a bride of so many attractions.

The father of the bride gave her as a wedding present 25 beautiful shining \$20 gold eagles for a wedding gift.

Many other beautiful and useful presents were given the couple and they start life with not only the best wishes of many friends but with the assurance of happiness and prosperity.—Athens Courier.

BRIDGE LUNCHEON.

Mrs. Joseph H. Calvin was hostess Monday at a bridge luncheon for visiting ladies and their hostesses. The Christmas spirit still remained in this home. Vases of crimson carnations, poinsettias and ferns made attractive the reception suite. In the delightful game that followed the luncheon, Mrs. W. K. McNeill made top score; Miss Janie Morrow second score, and Mrs. J. O. Davis the "booby."

Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Todd spent the holidays in Birmingham.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lampkin and son of Louisville, were here the past few days, the guests of Mrs. W. H. Brooks.

Miss Anna Landers, who visited relatives here during the holidays, has returned to her home at Moulton.

Mrs. Law Lamar, Jr., has returned to Selma.

Miss Augusta Bloodworth left yesterday for Opelika, where she is a teacher in the high school.

Miss Wilda Sims, of Birmingham, was the attractive week-end guest of Miss Birdie May Mangrum.

Mrs. Kennard, her brother, Mr. Julian, and Miss Octavia Farley, of Tusculum, attended the New Year's dance at the Colonial club.

Miss Margaret McCalla will leave tomorrow to resume her studies at the University of Alabama.

CLUB CALENDAR.

Tuesday.
Woman's Literary—Mrs. D. D. McGeehe.

Bridge luncheon—Hotel Lyons.

Wednesday.
Ladies' Benevolent Society—Morgan County National Bank, at 3 p. m.

Music Study club—Mrs. W. A. Curry Married Ladies' Bridge.

Thursday.
D. A. R.—Mrs. Fred Hunt.

Friday.
Auction Bridge.—
School Improvement—Mrs. W. A. Curry.

Saturday.
Silk Stocking Club.—
Saturday Club—Mrs. Wm. Steed.

NEW YEAR'S DANCE.

Those who attended the New Year's dance enjoyed a hearty welcome from the Colonial club members. The good old mottoes were scattered about, as were the season's decorations, and with the Varnelle orchestra, what better beginning in the new year could be made. Chaperones were: Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Pointer, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Cortner, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Odom, Mr. and Mrs. Al Blackwell, Mr. and Mrs. Zeno Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. F. Lide, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Bullard, Mesdames W. A. Curry, W. E. Todd, E. N. Penick, W. A. McCalla, B. P. Wallace. These young ladies and gentlemen: Misses Madge and John Bullard, Mary Grace Sanders, Margaret Curry, Mary Penick, Margaret Penick, Birdie and Ada Cline, Rhea Lide, Brooxie Gibson, Marjorie Miller, Fannie Johnson, Margaret Clarkson, Mabel Nesbit, Robt. Jarvis, Milton Lipscomb, Frank La Fila, Haywood Martin, Wallace Gover, Carlisle Blackwell, Ben Bloodworth, Curtis Gover, Don Beauchamp, Albert Roberts, W. Montgomery, Carl Goodman, H. D. Harkreader, Dave Martin, Ellis Loveless, Claud Crawford, Chapel Cain, David Singleton, Chas. Cortright, Jeff Eyster, Thomas Walts, of Huntsville; Julian, of Tusculum; Leslie Doss, Chester Sartor, Frank Skrepps, Joe Woods, Percy Craig, Don Bullard, Paul Brown, Ben Brown.

Among out-of-town guests were: Mrs. Kennard and Miss Farley, of Tusculum; Misses Ashford, Hall and Sherrod of Courtland; Mrs. Tim Hudson, of Opelika; Mrs. Wilbur Smith, of Birmingham; Miss Atwood Hill, of Mooresville.

Fields-Cramer.
The many friends of the contracting parties will take pleasure in the information of the marriage on Saturday evening of Miss Ella Euline Fellds to Mr. W. A. Cramer. The bride is a daughter of the late J. P. Fellds and a charming young girl.

SATURDAY CLUB.

Mrs. W. C. Bailey, president.

Mrs. W. E. Steed, secretary.

Hostess, Jan. 6, Mrs. W. E. Steed.

Mrs. M. D. Sittason and granddaughter, Dorothy Cherry, will leave for Birmingham today.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hamlin have returned from Birmingham, where they visited relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Barnes have returned from a visit to relatives in Huntsville.

Miss Leta Bess Harrison left yesterday afternoon for Defiance, O., to re-enter school. She will stay for a summer course, returning here late in August.

Lumber Jacks Must Have Night Shirts

Strike Because Their Nocturnal Wardrobe is Limited by Cruel Employers.

(International News Service.)

Duluth, Minn., Jan. 2.—Night shirts and the cleanings of their camps twice a week are included in the demands of more than 1,500 lumber jacks who are on strike in the woods of northern Minnesota today under the leadership of the I. W. W.

Fearing that the appearance of an I. W. W. army which is en route to Virginia, where 5,000 men are at work may result in a clash, representatives of the International Lumber Company have asked Gov. Burnquist to hold the militia in readiness for an outbreak.

OFFICERS ARE ELECTED.

Albany Lodge, No. 491, F. M. and A. M., last night elected Dr. J. L. Gunter senior warden, and A. H. Kelter senior deacon. They succeeded officials removed from this Masonic jurisdiction.

THREE CASES TRIED.

Three cases were tried in the Decatur police court by Mayor Nelson this morning, two cases bringing \$8.00 each in fines and the other \$13.00.

PERSONALS

Leroy McEntire and T. M. Jones, Jr., returned to the University of Alabama today to resume their studies, after spending the Christmas holidays with relatives here.

Robert Jervis left today for Atlanta to resume his studies at Georgia Tech.

W. P. Fogarty has returned from Cincinnati, where he spent the Christmas holidays with friends.

L. H. Buis continues critically ill at the Benevolent hospital.

Oliver Mahon left Monday for Birmingham, where he has accepted a position.

Henry Goldel has returned from a visit to relatives in New York and Canada.

Carlisle Blackwell is very ill at his home today.

NOTED EDUCATOR PAYS VISIT HERE

MISS CORA PEARSON WILL BE THE FIRST WOMAN PRESIDENT STATE ASSOCIATION.

Miss Cora Pearson, noted educator and a teacher in the Florence public school, was the guest of friends here last night, en route to Florence, after spending the holidays at Troy.

Miss Pearson occupies an unusual position in educational affairs in Alabama, being the first woman member of the executive committee of the Alabama Educational Association. The association names its presidents from this board and following the organization's precedent, Miss Pearson will become its head in two years. She will be the first woman to grace the presiding officer's chair in the history of the association.

Miss Pearson is known widely in educational circles and has taught in the public schools of many cities in Alabama. Though she is making history rapidly for the suffragists, in being so signally honored by the educators of her state, she is not a suffragist herself.

Night School Opens For Second Session

Prof. J. T. Carter Stresses the Financial Value of Education.

The second session of the Y. M. C. A. night school opened last night with the usual classes and an address by Prof. J. T. Carter, chairman of the educational committee of the association. Mr. Carter was introduced by General Secretary Randle in a few well chosen remarks.

It was pointed out by the speaker that \$11.00 was the amount made per day by graduate students of high schools for every day they attended school. This record is based on the records showing the increased earning capacity of a high school graduate over the average person who does not complete the high school work. From this and other data, including his own record before and since he began his educational career, the speaker showed that an education paid in dollars and cents. The intellectual, moral and spiritual value of learning was also proven.

The speaker extended congratulations on the new quarters of the night school, lately fitted up by Secretary Randle, on the progress of the school according to the testimonials of its students and especially on an expressive cartoon illustrating the difference between the prepared man and the one who had neglected his opportunities for study, as drawn by J. Wheeler Coolidge, one of the night school students.

Same Old Billie is Good Again This Year

Billie Clifford, the same old Billie, pleased his annual full house at the Masonic again last night. Billie this year is aided and abetted in his entertainment by Nick Glynn, an exceptionally good "black-face" and the three Weston Sisters, who received much applause for their musical act.

Billie's company this season is slightly smaller than usual, but then he is a show all by his lonesome and is just as clever as he was year ago, when he first began making Albany-Decatur on his southern tour.

THREE CASES TRIED.

Three cases were tried in the Decatur police court by Mayor Nelson this morning, two cases bringing \$8.00 each in fines and the other \$13.00.

To the Public:

I am now located in the building formerly occupied by J. F. Browne and Miller's piano store, 620 Second Ave., Albany.

I shall be very glad to have my friends pay me a visit in my new location after Monday, by which time I hope to be ready for business.

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It makes no difference what other remedies you have tried for biliousness, constipation and liver troubles—try

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The NEW vegetable treatment that relieves where all others have failed. It tones up the liver and bowels, bringing renewed strength and health. Restores the functions to their natural condition and prevents a recurrence of the trouble. If you would care for liver and bowels in the right way, take 333 Liver Tonic. A large bottle for 50c.

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Tax Collections in Excess of Last Year

Tax collections in Morgan county up to January 1 are \$14,000 approximately better than they were up to the same time last year, according to figures announced by Tax Collector Charles Robertson.

A long line of citizens stood in line during the past few days of December awaiting their turn to pay their taxes into the county till.

House Gets Down to Routin Grind

DEBATE RESUMED AFTER SOLONS HAVE RESTED UP DURING HOLIDAYS.

(International News Service.) Washington, Jan. 2.—The House today settled down to work after its Christmas vacation by resuming consideration of the vocational educational training bill.

Debate on the measure was nearly completed when the holiday recess was taken.

By the terms of the bill, which already has passed the senate, federal aid would be extended to all of the states for instruction in agriculture, industrial and mechanical arts.

Calomel Claims Many Victims

SCIENCE HAS AT LAST DISCOVERED A SUBSTITUTE FOR IT. CALLED LEMOLAC.

Very few realize how many people are salivated by calomel each year. Every one who has taken this dangerous drug knows that it gripes, sickens and is very unpleasant to take, but all do not know that while it acts violently on the liver that it softens the bone and is liable at any time to salivate them. Many doctors dislike to prescribe it, as they would any other poisonous drug and some doctors refuse to give it to their patients. It is for these reasons that men of science have been patiently searching for a substitute for dangerous calomel and have at last discovered a medicine that possesses the virtues of calomel without its dangerous and unpleasant after-effects. This new medicine is called Lemolac and is now on sale at Owl Drug Co., and Thompson, Drug Store. Have your nearest dealer order Lemolac for you as it is sold on a positive guarantee, to please you.

P. S.—If you forget the name spell calomel backward. (Adv.)

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

CLARENCE J. RYAN, Mrs. S. E. Ryan, Deceased, Estate of. Probate Court, Morgan County. Letters testamentary under the last will and testament of said deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 18th day of December, 1916, by the Hon. Wm. E. Skeggs, Judge of the probate court of Morgan county, notice is hereby given, that all persons having claims against said estate will be required to present the same within the time allowed by the law, or that the same will be barred.

CLARENCE J. RYAN, As Executor of the Estate of Mrs. S. E. Ryan, Deceased.

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

State of Alabama, Morgan County. Probate Court, December 18, 1916.

Estate of Joanna B. Seelye.

Notice is hereby given to all interested parties that H. B. Beard, as executor of the estate of Joanna B. Seelye has filed his accounts and vouchers for the final settlement of said estate and that the 9th day of January, 1917, has been set as the day for hearing such settlement, at which time you can appear and contest said settlement.

WM. E. SKEGGS, Judge of Probate.

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LICENSES NOW DUE.

Licenses for 1917 on all trades and professions are now due and delinquent. Persons operating without a license are subject to a fine. All city taxes also are delinquent.

E. C. PAYNE, Mayor.

2-4t HENRY HARTUNG, City Clerk.

ENTENTE ANSWER TO WILSON NOTE

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power and put forth more and more war machinery.

The Westminster Gazette, in commenting upon the peace issue says that the reply of the allies to the German peace note by no means winds up the negotiations. The answer to the Wilson note is expected to be far different from that to Germany.

The Manchester Guardian says: "The next exchange of views will be between the allies and President Wilson. This is a different and in many respects a more critical matter than replying to Germany."

A telegram from Paris says that the French government has already agreed upon the contents of its reply to the American president.

GERMAN NEWSPAPERS SAY PEACE NOW IMPOSSIBLE.

(International News Service.) Berlin, Jan. 2.—That the allies' reply to the German peace proposal has made it impossible to bring about a parley at this time is the view taken by a number of influential newspapers.

George Barnhardt, writing in the Vossische Zeitung calls the answer "insulting," and says "there is nothing to do but go on fighting until the cold steel forces the feverish temperature of Germany's enemies down to normal."

The official text of the note has not been received by the German foreign office.

U. S. AGAIN SUGGESTS THIS IS OPPORTUNE TIME FOR PEACE

Washington, Jan. 2.—Clearing up the mystery surrounding the reported dispatch of the second peace note, the state department allowed it to become known today that supplementary instructions were sent to representatives of this country in neutral nations, suggesting that if the neutrals had any peace plans, now was an opportune time to act. It was denied that any other government was consulted before the dispatch of President Wilson's note. The United States, it was stated, acted entirely on its own initiative.

EXT OF ENTENTE REPLY HAS REACHED GERMANY.

Berlin, Jan. 2.—The text of the entente reply to Germany's peace initiative has been received in Berlin, the Overseas News Agency announced today.

The Overseas News Agency gave out the following: "The text of the entente note replying to the central powers' peace offer arrived here in the Havas version. The general impression is, if this version is correct, the entente answer to Germany's sincere offer is verbose, but is nevertheless a flat refusal to end the war."

COUNCIL TO NAME MEMBER TONIGHT

PRESIDENT PATTERSON TO TENDER RESIGNATION AT POSTPONED MEETING OF COUNCIL

President John Patterson, of the Albany council, is expected to tender his resignation at a postponed meeting of the city fathers to be held at the city hall tonight. Mr. Patterson will become secretary of the Decatur Land Company, succeeding Lovick P. Troup, probate judge-elect.

Alderman Jack Dillehay will be named president of the council and it will be the duty of the aldermen to choose a successor to him. Mr. Dillehay represents the Second ward.

Among the candidates for the place are T. J. Masterson, W. W. Johnson, former aldermen, and Z. P. Watkins.

TREASURY VAULTS BULGE WITH GOLD

More Yellow Metal Here Than Any Nation Ever Possessed.

FILL TRAIN OVER MILE LONG

One Hundred and Thirty-Four Freight Cars Would Be Needed to Transport Uncle Sam's Store of Bullion and Coin.

Uncle Sam for some time has had in his vaults at Washington more gold than was ever before assembled in the treasury of any nation at any time in the history of the world. This record was established when the gold reserve at Washington reached a total of \$1,000,000,000, but even this high-water mark has been more than doubled, the gold reserve recently having passed the \$2,000,000,000 mark.

Gold weighs 3.68 pounds to the \$1,000. Two billion dollars in gold, therefore, weighs 7,360,000 pounds or approximately 3,345 tons. Allowing 55,000 pounds to the car, it would require a freight train of 134 cars to carry this reserve of \$2,000,000,000. This number of cars, 40 feet to the car, would make a train 5,360 feet over all not including the engine, considerably over a mile in length.

The amount of gold now in Uncle Sam's vaults is in striking contrast to the conditions that have prevailed at some other periods in the history of the country.

Low in the Year 1896.

In 1896 the treasurer of the United States had a hard time to keep the legal amount of \$100,000,000 in the treasury; one time it fell as low as \$44,563,493. The bankers of the United States had to take a hand and make voluntary deposits of gold with the government to keep the gold reserve intact.

June 1, 1870, when specie payments were resumed, following the suspension caused by Civil war conditions, there was \$96,262,850 in gold in the vaults of the government.

"The gold reserve has been the cause of much concern," said Daniel N. Morgan, treasurer of the United States, reporting the condition of the treasury in 1896, "and has been maintained only at a cost of a fresh issue of bonds and by the voluntary contributions of banks and financial institutions. With the exception of a brief period in the autumn of 1895, and another in the spring of 1896, the ruling rates of foreign exchange were such throughout the year as to permit, if not to require the export of gold."

Low Level Was Reached.

"Under this drain the reserve shrank gradually; sank until, February 10, 1896, when it stood at \$44,563,493. It was then rapidly built up from the proceeds of the sale of bonds, then rose to \$128,713,709 by March 31. After considerable variations in the reserve during April, the export of gold was resumed on May 1, and this movement, together with the continued withdrawal not for export, again put in operation the process of depletion. There was an almost daily decline until July 23, when the official figures of the reserve were \$89,663,775. At this point the bankers of the principal cities joined together in a movement of relief, the result being that the banks and financial institutions deposited gold in exchange for paper currency, and restored the reserve to \$110,782,403 by August 4."

"After discontinuance of the operations, the free gold again declined gradually to \$100,957,561, where it stood September 1. In the latter half of August, there occurred a favorable turn in foreign exchange, which had the effect, first, of checking the outflow of gold, and later, of setting in motion a rapid current in the opposite direction."

WAR BOOSTS GLASS BUSINESS

More Sand Used in Industry in This Country in 1915 Than Ever Before, Uncle Sam Reports.

Uncle Sam finds that the glass industry of this country has increased many fold since the outbreak of the European war; first, because the imports into this country have been cut off, and second, because this country is now exporting much more than before the war.

An increase in the quantity of glass sand used in this country in 1915 over 1914 may be explained, in part at least, by the increased activity of the glass industry. The production of glass sand in 1915 was 1,884,044 short tons, valued at \$1,008,840. This is the largest quantity ever reported by the geological survey, which has just recently completed its annual statistical work on sand and gravel.

Molding sand was produced in very much greater quantity in 1915 than in 1914, owing to the foreign demand for vast supplies of machinery and munitions requiring the casting of metal, which called for the use of molding sand in large amounts. The total production of molding sand throughout the United States as reported to the survey was 3,585,746 short tons, valued at \$2,123,203.

The survey found that the total quantity of sand and gravel produced in 1915 was 76,603,303 short tons, valued at \$23,121,617.

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AMERICAN MONEY FOR CHINA

Rockefeller Foundation Plans to Spend \$1,000,000 on Medical College and Hospital Buildings.

A million dollars of American money is to be spent on buildings and equipment for a medical college and hospital at Peking, China, Uncle Sam's commercial attaché at that place reports. The money is to be spent by the Rockefeller foundation.

Some time ago the foundation took over the previously established Union Medical college of Peking and the hospital operated in connection with it. It is now proposed to build a complete new plant for these institutions, the plans calling for buildings for the college to accommodate a maximum of 500 students and for the hospital to provide for a present maximum of 200 beds, with possibilities of later expansion. The hospital is intended primarily to provide clinical facilities for the college, and it is expected to be patronized mainly by the poorer classes.

The expenditure that this project will involve is not officially stated, but it is understood that it may run over \$1,000,000.

NORTH ALABAMA IS RICHEST OIL BELT

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Mrs. Ruth H. Gordon, Lynch's Station, Va., landowner and the widow of the late Confederate General Gordon.

Mrs. Lida Hampton, Leighton, Ala., landowner and wife of Colonel Hampton, near relative of General Wade Hampton.

No Stock for Sale.

"We want it distinctly understood that we have no stock for sale, before going into the oil situation here," said Mrs. Nelson during an interview with a Daily reporter.

"Our stock is paid in, we have no debts. We own a number of acres in North Alabama and have secured in fee and lease 100,000 acres of choice oil land."

"We have not drilled for oil because the beginning of the European war stopped us when we were in position to do it," Mrs. Nelson said.

Mrs. Nelson declared, however, that if sufficient capital were to present itself before the owners of the company are again in a position to drill, a proposition would be made for developing the field at once.

"We will develop our property ourselves in time, but should capital sufficient to do it at once be available, we might reconsider. It would take at least \$50,000. We do not want to begin work on a small sum, because several wells might have to be put down before we struck the richest yields. We are sitting tight in the meantime, secure in the knowledge that our property will be developed and

that we will reap a rich harvest from our investment."

Mrs. Nelson has a number of interesting papers, reports, etc., bearing on the local oil situation, including several letters from prominent men declaring their belief that the Tennessee Valley is rich in mineral deposits.

Wm. C. Oates, former governor, wrote that he would personally vouch for the fact that reports of the state and other geologists confirmed each other that rich minerals were in North Alabama soil and that oil and gas already had been found here. The late General Joseph Wheeler and Hilary A. Herbert wrote substantially the same thing.

Letters from prominent geologists all over the nation also are included in the documents in Mrs. Nelson's possession.

Noted Geologists Views.

The statement that large quantities of oil can be found here are backed by the opinions of the nation's most learned geologists.

Prof. Reuben Carroll, who spent his life in scientific and research work for the United States and other governments in 1896 wrote that he believed the North Alabama fields were the richest in the continent.

"This affirmation is based on scientific research and though you and I may have passed from this earth, the time will surely come when the mineral lands of North Alabama will be worth millions of dollars."

Prof. Carroll said he made that statement in the interest of his country and of science. At various other times, he displayed much interest in the development of the local fields.

Major John Otley, a foremost geologist and the man who located the famous Beaumont, Texas, oil wells, declares the North Alabama fields undoubtedly will prove rich in both lubricating and illuminating oils. It is an extension of the Appalachian belt from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico, he says.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is a constitutional remedy, is taken internally and acts thru the blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Cure fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

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COMPTROLLER'S CALL

At the Close of Business, Dec. 27th, 1916

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans and Discounts	\$183,269.54	Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Acceptances—Cotton	222,500.00	Surplus	3,200.00
Overdrafts	65.12	Undivided Profits	1,512.53
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	75,000.00	Reserved for Interest	300.00
Five Per Cent Redemption Fund	3,750.00	Reserved for Taxes	155.00
Furniture and Fixtures	9,198.35	Deposits	208,819.88
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	3,100.00	Circulation	75,000.00
Stocks & Bonds	6,979.81	Bills Payable	75,000.00
Cash and Due from Banks	64,066.59	Re-Discounts	103,942.00
Total	\$567,929.41	Total	\$567,929.41

Deposits Dec. 27th, 1914 - \$127,252.31

Deposits Dec. 27th, 1915 - 143,166.48

Deposits Dec. 27th, 1916 - 208,919.88

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